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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB MINISTERIAL PREPARATIONS

1. TDB CHAIRMAN DE ALWIS HELD MEETING FEB 17 WITH GROUP COORDINATORS TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR TDB MINISTERIAL. DURING MEETING, G-77 INDICATED THEY HAD DECIDED TO HOLD THEIR PRELIMINARY MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MORNING OF MONDAY, MARCH 6. ACCORDINGLY IT WAS PROPOSED THAT FORMAL OPENING OF TDB WOULD BE 4:00 PM MARCH 6. PLENARY WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF DELEGATION HEADS TO DECIDE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

2. DE ALWIS, SUPPORTED BY THE G-77 WHO ENVISION JUST ONE INTERVENTION TO BE MADE BY THEIR SPOKESMAN, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A LENGTHY SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL STATEMENTS AND PROPOSED THAT THE CUTOFF FOR STATEMENTS BE WEDNESDAY NOON. THE GROUP B SPOKESMAN RESERVED ON THIS QUESTION WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED WITHIN GROUP B FEB 23.

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3. MISSION COMMENT: PER MEISSNER-BRUNGART TELCON, WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT UNDERSECRETARY COOPER BE PLACED ON PLENARY SPEAKERS LIST FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 8. IN GROUP B MEETING WE WILL ACCORDINGLY INSIST THAT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CHANCE TO MAKE PLENARY STATEMENTS AT LEAST THROUGH COB WEDNESDAY MARCH 8. IN

GROUP B MEETING WE WILL ALSO SUPPORT GROUP B COORDI-
NATORS IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DELAY HEADS OF
DELEGATION MEETING REFERRED TO ABOVE UNTIL MORNING
MARCH 7 TO GIVE GROUP B ADDQUATE TIME FOR PRIOR
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